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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT ON SOUTHERN AFRICA ADOPTED BY THE AFL-CIO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 25 FEB. 1977.

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"CLEARLY, THE POLICY OF APARTHEID AS PRACTICED IN RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA MUST CEASE. THE CONDUCT OF THIS POLICY IS A BLATANT AND ODIOUS OFFENSE TO THE MORAL STANDARDS OF THE WESTERN WORLD. ITS SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC FALLOUT, EVEN IF IT WERE POLITICALLY OR MILITARILY POSSIBLE TO CAUSE ITS END TODAY, WILL HAVE DISASTROUS EFFECTS FOR DECADES TO COME.

WHILE INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTTS, ECONOMIC STARVATION AND
TERRORIST-GUERRILLA ACTIONS CAN ONLY MEAN HARDSHIP AND
SUFFERING FOR ALL SECTIONS OF THE POPULATION OF THE
REGION, THE LEADERS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA MUST UNDERSTAND
THAT THERE IS NO OTHER PROSPECT UNLESS THERE IS A RAPID
TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE.

YET, IN SEARCH FOR THE PROPER SOLUTION, WHAT EXAMPLE DOES
THE REST OF AFRICA SHOW TO THE RULERS OF SOUTH AFRICA AND
RHODESIA? THE SPECTACLE OF THE ANGOLAN NATION GOVERNED
ONLY WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF CUBAN TROOPS AND SUPPORTED
BY SOVIET ARMS AND AID DOES LITTLE BUT CREATE TENSIONS
AND UNCERTAINTIES FOR THE ENTIRE REGION. THE UGANDAN
EXPERIENCE CANNOT BE CITED AS AN EXEMPLARY SOLUTION FOR
EITHER RACIAL OR ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT. NOR CAN THE
POLITICAL STANCE OF MOZAMBIQUE SQUARE WITH THE ECONOMIC
TIES IT HAS WITH SOUTH AFRICA; TIES IT SEEMS TO NEED TO
KEEP ITSELF ECONOMICALLY VIABLE AND marginally free from
COMPLETE SOVIET DOMINATION.

IT IS THE VIEW OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL THAT RHODESIA AND
SOUTH AFRICA MUST BEGIN, AT ONCE, THE PROCESS OF TRANSI-
TION TO MAJORITY RULE. THAT PROCESS MUST GUARANTEE
TO EVERY SECTOR AND RACE IN THEIR SOCIETIES EQUAL ACCESS
TO EVERY RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE PROVIDED BY A JUST AND
DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION. IT WOULD BE WELL FOR OTHER
NATIONS IN AFRICA TO FOLLOW SUIT LEST THE PLAGUE
EXPERIENCED TO DATE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA GROWS
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FREEDOM AND PROGRESS IN ALL AFRICA."
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